the whole road is taken over by the P. W. D.? The present form of dyarchy in the maintenance of this road does not seem to work well?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The portion of the road maintained by the Panchayat Department has not been aligned properly. So the work will come under 'Original construction' and not simply maintenance. Since we are not doing many works on roads of an original character outside the programme laid down by the Road Board, we are not able to take up the work now.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know the time when this was transfered to the P. W. D.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It was not transferred.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I take it then that it was originally under the P. W. D.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: No, It was with the Panchayat all the time.

KODAKARA-VELLIKKULANGARA ROAD.

139. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Kodakara-Vellikkulangara road has now been completed;

(*b*) if not, what is the reason for such a long delay?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The road has not been completed. The extension has been provided for in the Road Board programme to be taken up this year.

(*b*) The acquisition proceedings are in progress and the estimate is under preparation.

SHANMUKHAM CANAL—PROGRESS MADE.

140. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how far the Shanmukham canal has progressed;

(*b*) what is the width of the land acquired on both sides of the canal;

(*c*) how will this area be utilised;

(*d*) have the Government any idea to keep this as a cocoanut garden and foot-path?

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